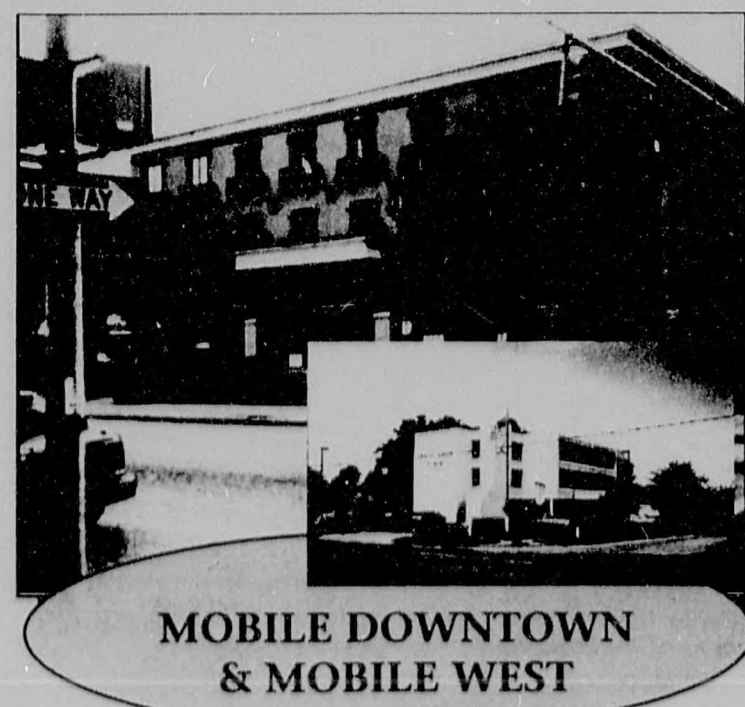
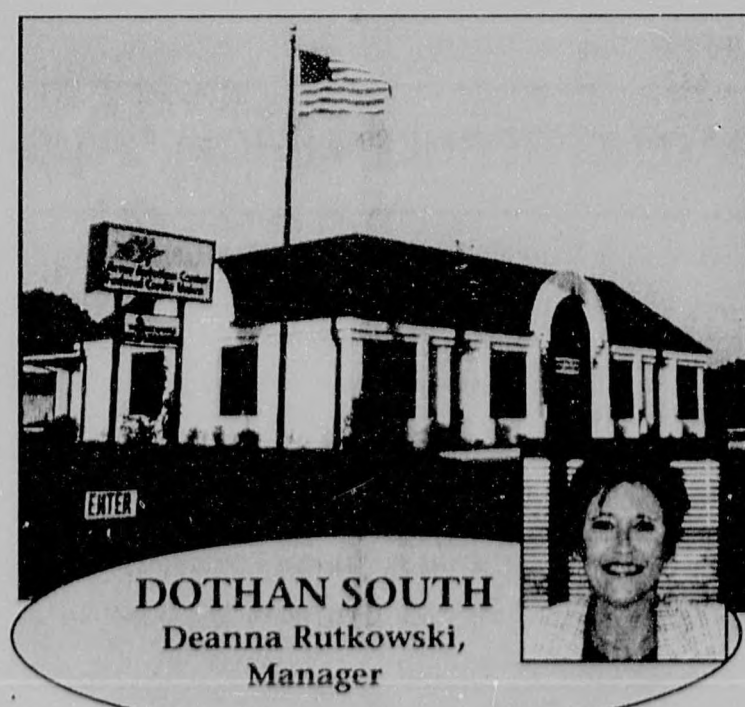
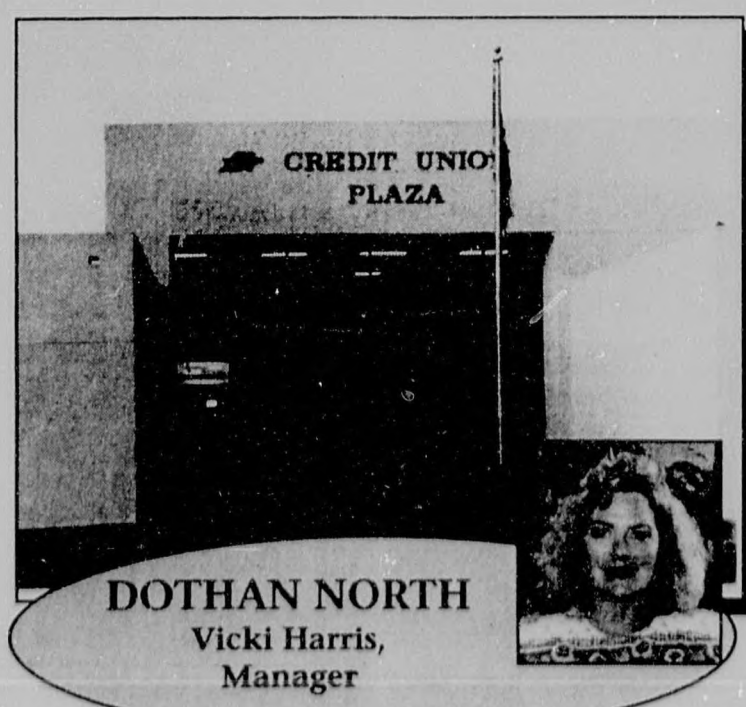
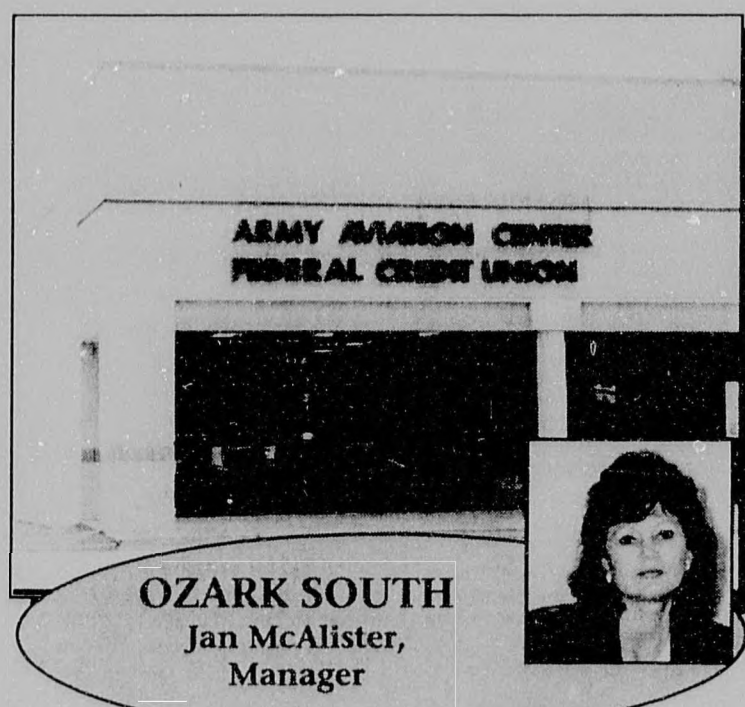
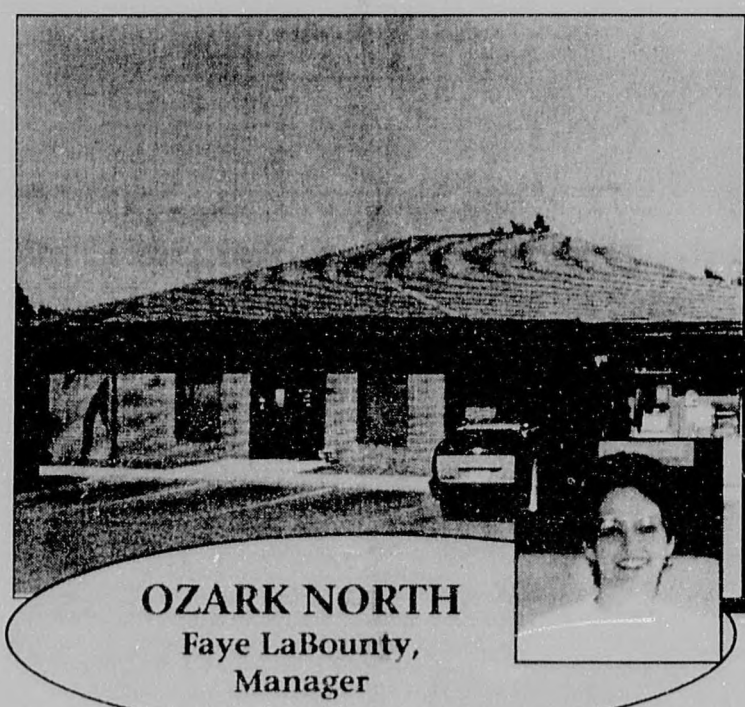
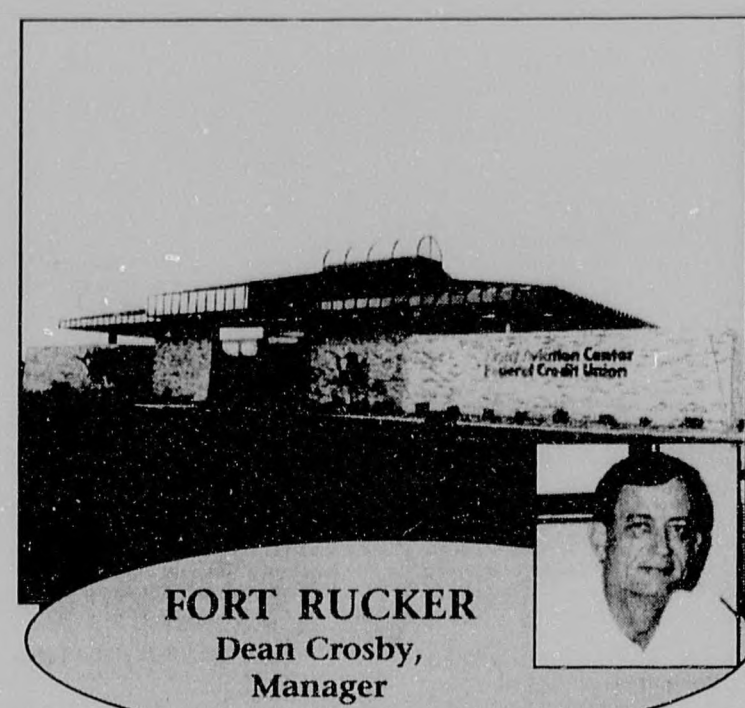
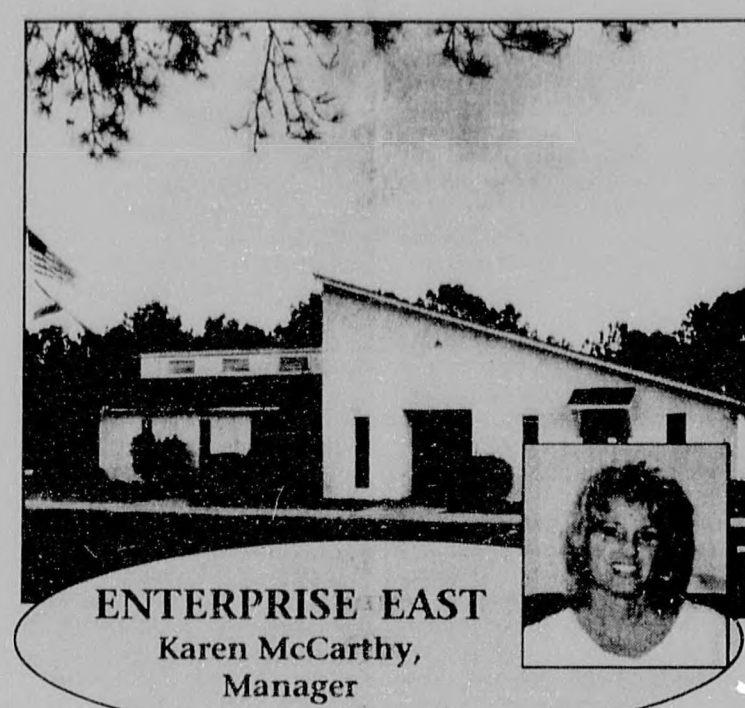
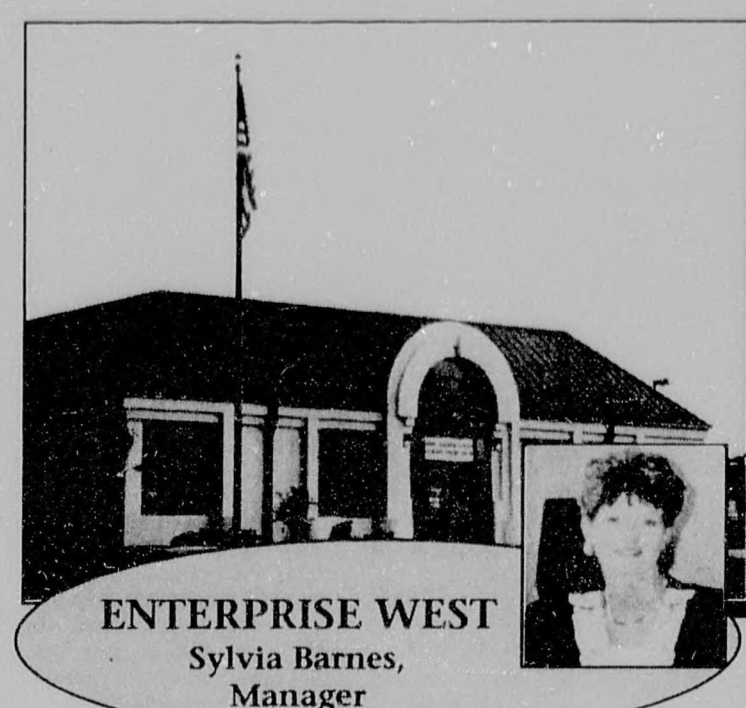
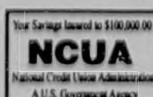


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SENTENCE COULD BE UP TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON

Elba woman arrested in bomb threat case

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

The Elba police have arrested an Elba woman in connection to the recent bomb threats at Hardee's and Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home.

According to Investigator Doug Weeks, Carolyn Taylor, age 49, of Elba, has been charged with rendering a false alarm, a Class C felony; and falsely reporting an incident, a Class A misdemeanor.

The arrest resulted from threats causing response from several agencies including an explosive disposal unit from the U. S. Army on May 26, 1995, to Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home where approximately one hundred persons were evacuated.

The break in the investigation of the above incident came on Saturday, June 11, when police answered a complaint at Hardee's concerning a bomb threat.

Through a computer print out furnished by the telephone company, police were led to the Taylor residence. After several hours of questioning, Mrs. Taylor admitted to the Hardee's incident and to making the call to Elba General Hospital.

Mrs. Taylor surrendered to authorities Tuesday morning after a 9:30 a.m. mental competency hearing at the Elba Courthouse.

She was transported to the Coffee County Jail under bonds totaling \$6,000.00.

Elba Police Chief Maxwell

Hooks praised the members of this department for the "good police work" in solving this crime and the time frame within which it was accomplished.

"This type crime [bomb threat] is one that so many times goes in the unsolved column. This one did not," said Chief Hooks.

Several months ago, Elba Police were also successful in solving a similar crime in which a bomb threat was made to Dorsey Trailers. Callers should beware - they will be caught! If found guilty of a Class C felony, Taylor could be sentenced from 1 year and a day to 10 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.00. No preliminary hearing date has been set at this time.



NEW OFFICERS... The Elba Rotary Club recently elected new officers for 1995-96. Pictured above are: Myrna Cowen, vice-president; Kenneth Calhoun, president; and Linda Mills, secretary & treasurer.

MEETING BRIEF AND TO THE POINT

New Brockton's council meeting routine

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

New Brockton's town council meeting proved to be a routine one, lasting just over thirty minutes.

Several matters that were on the night's agenda were continued until the next meeting.

The town's attorney, Joe Sawyer, is reviewing the garbage contract and the vicious animal ordinance. He advised the council, via of Mayor Kathryn Holley, that he should be able to advise the council on both matters at the next meeting on August 7th.

Council members received some good news - the Vester Cole lawsuit dealing with workman's compensation has been settled. The settlement was in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Mayor Holley did not know, at this time, how much the town's share of the \$8,000 would be.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported to the council that his department had answered 7 complaints, investigated one automobile accident, issued 30 traffic citations and made 10 criminal arrests.

The rescue squad responded to 19 calls, while the fire department answered 5 fire alarms.

Chief Driggers told council members that his department would be hosting a seminar conducted by representatives from the criminal justice system.

The session will be dealing with report writing. Other departments - Enterprise, Elba, Level Plains, and Clayhatchee - have been invited to attend.

The council gave its approval for Officer Holloway to attend intoxication school. The cost is \$75.

Mayor Holley informed the council that the town has entered into a cooperative agreement with Auburn University.

Under the terms of the agreement, the town has received computer equipment from Auburn which will allow access to the community electronic bulletin board.

According to Holley, through the use of the system information may be obtained which will allow the town to apply for grants from state and federal agencies.

At the close of the meeting, Little Miss New Brockton Callet White appeared before the council with a request.

She asked for the council's help in financing a float upon which she will be riding in the National Peanut Festival Parade in Dothan.

Mayor Holley explained that the town could not provide any funds, but if she would remain after the meeting, members of the council would more than likely make a contribution to the cause.

Other items of business addressed by the council were as follows:

***Paid bills totaling \$3,492.65.

***Denied request from Debra Wood to exempt her from payment of March and April garbage fees and late charges in the amount of \$19.11.

***Approved disconnecting or placing on vacation status the telephone in the recreation department.

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

Coffee County Commission meeting in regular session Monday, approved a resurfacing plan for three county roads. Also, the commission, or rather five commissioners, signed a consent decree on the Enterprise Courthouse lawsuit. This action took place behind closed doors!

During the June 22nd meeting, County Engineer Randy Tindell presented commissioners with seven options on what roads could be resurfaced using federal funds.

Tindell explained to the commissioners that he had reviewed the county's paved roads (those that qualify for federal funding) and that he had prepared the different plans composed of roads in the most need of repair.

He also reminded them that only \$490,000.00 was available for the resurfacing projects.

Although the commissioners had two weeks to study the different plans, they could not readily agree on a plan Monday morning.

The new plan involves three roads. They are as follows: County Road 617 will be resurfaced from Co. Rd. 636 to Co. Rd. 606; County Road 367 (Taylor Mill Road) will be resurfaced from AL 203 (Elba Bypass) to AL Hwy. 141; and County Road 105 will be resurfaced from Co. Rd. 107 to 114.

During the general business session, Commissioner Stephens eluded to a pending lawsuit against the county which contends that the Enterprise Courthouse is not accessible to handicapped persons and does not meet ADA (American Disability Act) standards.

Several weeks ago, commissioners, along with their lawyers, met with the plaintiff's attorney and a federal judge in Montgomery, in an attempt to reach an agreement.

Monday morning, during an extended break in the regular commission meeting, commissioners, along with their attorney, reviewed the

consent decree which evolved from the meeting in Montgomery. Although the terms of the decree are not available to the public - at this time - five commissioners signed the consent decree while two, Commissioners Stephen and Black, did not.

Stephens felt that the county had taken all necessary steps to bring the Enterprise Courthouse in compliance with the ADA standards. The one exception being lowering the counters in the offices. Work was halted after the lawsuit was brought against the county.

It was noted by Stephens that all of the renovations were made - to both courthouses - based on plans drawn up by two architects (one is a handicapped person).

Also, the county held seminars for all county employees to advise them on what should be done to assist handicapped persons wishing to transact business in any county facility.

"We (the county) are willing to do whatever is necessary to make both courthouses accessible to all handicapped persons," said Stephens.

Last meeting, a committee was appointed to further study the adoption of a drug policy for the county.

Tindell reported that the committee had met and its recommendation was that the county continue as it has in the past with one exception. That being, that all CDL (Commercial Driver's License) holders be tested for drugs as required by DOT (Department of Transportation) regulations.

The recommendation received a motion and second, but after several minutes of discussion, the motion was tabled until the next meeting.

The county's attorney, Kenneth Fuller, is to get with Tindell and further review the drug policy before a final decision is made.

Secretary West allows ATTC to remain at Ft. Rucker

The Army Technical Test Center (ATTC) will not be moved to Yuma Proving Ground in Arizona.

It's official, The Secretary of the Army, Togo West, announced last week that the ATTC would remain at Ft. Rucker.

During the past few months, Alabama's congressional delegation, along with area mayors, have been "lobbying" to keep the ATTC at its present location.

After receiving notification from the U. S. Army Liaison, U. S. Senator Richard Shelby expressed his relief that Secretary West had agreed not to move the ATTC.

The move would have meant a loss of 250 jobs at Ft. Rucker and would have affected more than 1,000 individuals.

"After meeting with Secretary West earlier this year, I am delighted that he made the correct decision regarding the ATTC," said Shelby.

"With more than 95 percent of all the Army's aviation testing conducted at a minimal cost at Ft. Rucker,

the most logical, cost-effective decision the Secretary could make is to allow Ft. Rucker to keep these jobs."

Shelby expressed hope that this decision will be followed by one that will allow for the consolidation of aviation testing and undergraduate helicopter pilot training at Ft. Rucker as well.

Sen. Howell Heflin said, "This is great news and we are delighted by the fact that ATTC will stay in Alabama."

"I believe this decision is larger than just 200 Alabama jobs it underscores the Army's continued confidence in Ft. Rucker as the Aviation Center of Excellence."

Needless to say, Congressman Terry Everett was also pleased with the Secretary's decision.

Everett announced that West has not only agreed to keep ATTC at Ft. Rucker, but has decided to transfer the ATTC's Airworthiness Qualification Test Directorate to Ft. Rucker. At the present time, it is located at Edward Air Force Base.

NOTICE

THE CITY OF ELBA WATER AND ELECTRIC BOARD HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT CITIZENS OF ELBA NEED TO CONSERVE THE WATER USAGE WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD. THE PUMP ON ONE OF THE CITY'S WELLS IS HAVING TO BE REPLACED. THEREFORE THE WELL WILL BE OFF-LINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO STATED THAT CITIZENS SHOULD NOT WATER THEIR LAWNS DUE TO THE STRAIN THAT WOULD BE PLACED ON THE REMAINING WELLS IN OPERATION. ANYONE HAVING QUESTIONS SHOULD CALL CITY HALL AT 897-2261.



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* * HAPPENINGS * *

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS. The Elba Chamber of Commerce Quarterly "Business After Hours" Meeting will be held Thursday, July 20, 1995, at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center. All members are urged to attend and bring a prospective member. Refreshments by Home Care Services and door prizes by Maddox Signs and Engraving. A guest speaker is scheduled.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING RESCHEDULED. The Elba City Council will meet Thursday (TODAY), July 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the council's chamber located in Elba City Hall.

WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD MEETING. The City of Elba Water & Electric Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday (TODAY), July 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall.

D.A.R.E. CAMP COMING SOON. The Elba City Schools and Elba Police department will sponsor the annual D.A.R.E. Camp. This year's event will be held on July 17 - 20 and July 24 - 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Elba High School. Children who plan to attend must be students of the city's school system and be in grades 3 through 5. Camp activities will include workshops, games, sporting events, and field trips.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Boy, President Clinton dives in where angels fear to tread! The whole idea behind the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission in 1988 was to take the heat off the elected officials. Now the president, reportedly sensitive to the electoral voters in California, is muttering about political ways to "save jobs" in California. His idea apparently doesn't satisfy the people of California nor that state's politicians, it just gets him in hotter water with the voters nationwide. Now it appears the only two options left for Clinton are to either get out of the way of the commission or (please don't Mr. President) reject the entire base closure plan. The latter would throw every proposed budget in Washington terribly out of balance... and almost impossible to rebalance.

On the flip side of Clinton, look at the picture of him in some of the Sunday papers. He is waving to the crowd, with a big smile on his face and holding a can of Diet Coke. The Coca Cola Company got positive advertising which couldn't have been purchased for a million dollars!

Several weeks ago we raved about the great vegetables friends were bringing us. There was also a plea for someone to mention to our g-o-o-d friends at Kelley Foods that it would be mighty nice to have some meat to go with them. We heard nothing for several days. Then Jack E. Brunson stopped by with some eggs produced by his and Jane's children's pet chickens, "just in case the Kelley's didn't get the word." That was mighty thoughtful. But they got the word! A pretty young lady drove up to the front door of The Clipper in a Kelley Foods van and brought in a box with a note attached. Eddies Kelley, writing on behalf of the whole bunch, noted the backbones would go great, cooked with those vegetables. Anyone raised in the South can attest to that fact. There was another item or two in the box also, including some of those mouthwatering Kelley Smoked Baby-Link Sausages! Those things are just one more example of the many pleasures God put on this earth for us. The note acknowledged they considered including some sow's ears, but decided we probably didn't eat many sow's ear sandwiches. They were right on that one!

Getting serious about the folks at Kelley Foods - they are truly good neighbors to their fellow Coffee County citizens. No one will ever know how often they help nor the number of things they do to help their fellow man - both as a company and as individuals. Odds are, even they don't keep count - our impression is that it ain't done for counting. We stumble on enough of their good deeds accidentally to realize this part of the world is a better place to live because they chose to walk this way.

Those who kept up with the Special Olympics, just completed in Connecticut, know that Elba was well represented and the home of a bronze medal winner. 15 year old Ruby Owens returned from the games with her medal, souvenirs and wonderful memories. Ruby wasn't the only representative from this area, but was the closest.

A federal appeals court has ruled in a City of Selma election dispute, thus clearing that debate. Now if they will turn their attention to the Alabama Supreme Court and decide just who will be the Chief Justice, this state can get on with business. Either the Democrat or the Republican won and someone needs to clear water which seems to get ever muddier as time passes.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of July 4, 1995 through July 10, 1995.
They were: Buton Bryant, Matthew Richards, Rosa Tyson, Ralph Lowery, John Griffin, Joe Hudson, Olene Taylor, Mosell McCormick, Murphy Eutsey, Angela Frazier, Patricia Clark, Mary Suley, Inice Whittington, Johnathan White, Matthew Lee, Waymon Lashley, Sandia Fleming, Natalie Smith, Diana Hill, Annie Ellis, Catherine Cole, and Bob Nalley.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Nycoma Coleman, Kayla McWaters, Edna Danley, Rosa Tyson, Buton Bryant, Joe Hudson, Matthew Richards, R. C. Boutwell, John Griffin, Mosell McCormick, Patricia Clark, Ralph Lowery, Angela Frazier, Eutsey Murphy, and Waymon Lashley.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

JULY 4 Thru JULY 10, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, July 4, 1995, investigated the following incidents: one assault, two reckless endangerments, one rape, one criminal trespass, one emergency commitment, one dog running at large, one accidental electrocution, four thefts of property, one unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, three assaults, two harassments, one criminal mischief, and one child beyond parental control.

During the week, the following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, and five for receiving stolen property.

The following traffic citations were issued: two for speeding, six for parking violations, one for no driver's license, one for no tag displayed, one for no helmet, two for an expired tag, one for driving the wrong way on a one-way street, one for driver's license required, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, and one for driving while driver's license is suspended.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, JULY 4 - River stage - 6.24 feet (6:37 a.m.); fight reported on U.S. Hwy. 84E (9:21 a.m.); Alarm at Frazier's Laundromat (5:19 p.m.); Rescue run to Dorsey Trailers (6:10 p.m.); Disturbance/fight reported on Brantley Hwy. (7:26 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 - Rescue run to a residence on Clayton Ave. (5:41 a.m.); River stage - 4.60 feet (6:15 a.m.); Minor wreck in the Big Bear parking lot (8:22 a.m.).

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BAPTIST CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
ELBA MONTREAL ASSN. - Tues. - 9:30 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:15 p.m. - City Hall.
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. - 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting).
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office.
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building.
MASONIC LODGE 176 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - 7 p.m.
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School.
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex - 894-3555.
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise.
AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday - 12 noon - City Hall (before Council meeting).
AARP Meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
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FROM THE HOUSE
Congressman
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For Taxpayers July Ninth is Real Independence Day

Although Independence Day falls on July fourth, American taxpayers didn't actually receive their independence from the cost of government this year until July ninth.

That's the day each of us was liberated from paying off all federal, state, and local programs and regulations.

The simple truth is government has grown so large that taxpayers must spend more time each year supporting it than they do supporting themselves and their families.

The average American will work 190 days this year to pay for his share of government. Actually, the 190 days expired last Sunday, so you can relax, you're working for yourself for the rest of the year!

Here's a breakdown of just how many days it takes to pay for government. Ironically, the one Constitutional function of government - provide for a national defense - ranks near the bottom in the amount of working days required, only 15 days to pay for military spending. However, it currently takes Americans 13 days to pay just the interest on the national debt.

Social Security and Medicare spending require 29 working days from Americans, and the remainder of all other federal programs demand another 36 days at the job. Interestingly enough, federal regulations require even more work days to fund - an average of 42. The largest share of days, 55, pay for state and local taxes and regulations.

Let's take a look at the largest block of federal costs to you, regulations. Federal regulations cost at least \$58.1 billion, or more than \$5,900 per family, each year. Environmental regulations account for about \$150 billion of the total, and the EPA estimates the annual cost will rise to \$200 billion in the year 2000. Farmers spend up to \$20 billion each year to comply with federal regulations which serve to drive up food prices.

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Social Notes

Miss Crook honored with miscellaneous bridal shower recently



Miss Crook

On Saturday, June 17 Miss Christine Marie Crook was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower at Whitewater Baptist Church, Miss Crook and Mr. Shane Greer were married on June 23.

The church doors were decorated with white wedding bells and ribbons of the bride's chosen colors of peach and emerald.

Inside, the fellowship hall was complimented by an array of large ferns, palms, and ficus trees decorated with small, clear lights. Also featured in the fellowship hall was beautiful, white lattice work.

A guardian angel, made by Mrs. Neil Kelley, kept watch on a round table covered with a white linen tablecloth. Also featured on this table was a beautiful pouch about the angel and her duties to watch over the bride and groom.

Many guests shared in this occasion between the hours of two and four in the afternoon. They were regaled by Mrs. Dina Matthews. The registry table was decorated with a white linen tablecloth, the bride's guest book and feathered pen. It was accented by peach and yellow roses.

Mrs. Pam Smith and Mrs. Jan Smith served at the refreshment and punch table. They were assisted by Misses Deann and Alison Smith.

The table was decorated with a beautiful white linen tablecloth. It was accented with crystal candle holders and white tapers. The punch was ladled from a sparkling crystal punch bowl, surrounded with grapes and greenery. Refreshments consisted of finger sandwiches, spinach dip, cake, and nuts.

The couple received many lovely and useful gifts in honor of their marriage. The gifts were arranged by Mrs. Martha Davis on the display tables.

Bama Family Amanda Martin celebrates Picnic planned 4th birthday on June 24th for July 18th

University of Alabama alumni and supporters are invited to a Bama Family Picnic on Tuesday, July 18, at the Enterprise Country Club. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a fried chicken picnic meal served at 6:45.

Kermit Kendrick, former Crim-Tide player and now Director of Athletics for Compliance, will be the guest speaker. This is a family function with supervised activities for children after the meal.

Tickets for adults are \$10, children ages 5-12 \$4, and children 4 and under are admitted free. For more information, call Jack or Jane Brunson at 897-6056.

LBW College announces Spring Quarter honor students

LBW College President Seth Hammett has announced academic honor students for the 1995 Spring Quarter. A total of ninety-two students were named to the President's List and sixty-six students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.50-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List.

Academic honor students for the Spring Quarter from the Elba area include: Dean's List - Laura Hall of Elba, AL; President's List - Kenneth Wade Danford and Jeffery Lloyd Driggers, both of Elba, AL, and Melissa McNeill Pridgen.

McCullough Family Reunion to be held July 23rd

The annual McCullough Family Reunion will be held July 23, 1995 at the Enterprise Civic Center, Enterprise, AL. The Civic Center will open at 9:00 a.m. to give everyone the opportunity to arrive early and visit. Please bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. All direct and indirect descendants of Thomas (1804-1878) and Nancy Allen McCullough (1821-1907), friends, and guests are invited. Thomas and Nancy lived in Coffee County, AL, most of their lives until their death. Many of the descendants now reside all over the Southeast and spell their last name McCullough. Please help us contact these family members and encourage them to attend. Any family member, old photos and old photos you'd like to bring to share is welcomed.

Recording artist Melissa Kay from Enterprise, AL (formerly Nashville, Tennessee), will be performing gospel music at this year's reunion. Her performance will begin at 1:00 p.m.

We invite you to come and join us for this very special event. Further information may be obtained by calling M.J. McCullough at 347-6412 or Judy McCullough McGhee at 393-4450.

Applications being taken for Miss Coffee County Agriculture Contest

Applications are being taken for the Miss Coffee County Agriculture Pageant which will be held on July 28, 1995 at the Enterprise High School auditorium. Participants must live in Coffee County, between the ages of 17 and 25, and never been married.

The queen will represent the agricultural industry throughout the year. There is a separate division for talent, and this is open to boys and girls. There will be cash prizes given to the winners in each division. Winners will also have an all expense paid trip to the state competition.

The pageant is sponsored by the Coffee County Farmers Federation. There is no entry fee for county competition, however, all winners competing in state competition will be required to be a member of the Alabama Farmers Federation. For an application, call Shirley York at 347-9558 or Vicki Wysocki at 897-5864.

Special training workshop to be held at ESJC

People interested in helping foreign speakers learn to speak English as a second language may attend a special training workshop sponsored by the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network and Enterprise State Junior College. The workshop will be held on August 7, 14, 21, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The program introduces volunteers to tutoring adult ESL learners. Volunteers review characteristics and needs of ESL learners and review specific ways to help the learners speak and read English. This workshop is FREE! Registration deadline is August 1. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

Amanda Martin, daughter of Will and Melanie Martin, celebrated her 4th birthday June 24 with a pool party at her home in Millbrook, AL.

The carport and deck area were decorated in the ballerina theme. After the young guests cooled off with a dip in the pool, everyone enjoyed the ballet slipper cake, designed and made by Amanda's Dad and Mom, ice cream, pretzels, gold fish, and drinks.

Helping Amanda celebrated this special occasion were: Dad, Mom, and Ashley; Pa and Mama "B" Scarbrough; Grandad and Gammie Martin; Aunt Terry and Anna Miller; Aunt Ann and Joseph Ritchey; and Amanda's dancing buddies: Laura, Jordan, and Bethany Cox, April and Brooke Gothard, and Sara Danbridge.

Amanda Martin

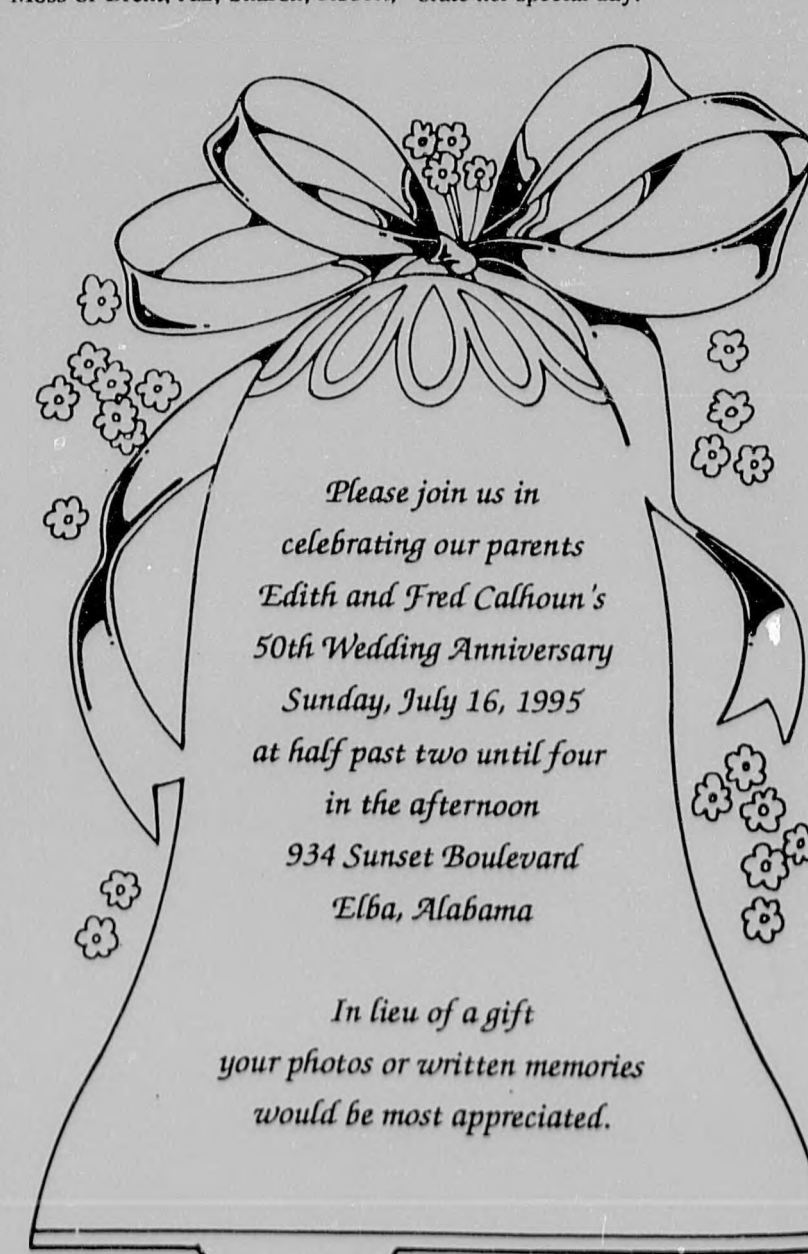


Cora Nell Dodson

Cora Nell Dodson honored on 74th birthday with party

Cora Nell Dodson celebrated her seventy-fourth birthday on June 3, 1995. She was honored with a party at her daughter's home on her birthday. Guests were her brother, Stephen Ham and his wife, Rosalyn, of Talladega, AL; her sister, Betty Ham of Huntsville, AL; Janice Moss of Brent, AL; Sharon, Robert, and Ryan Ward of Elba, AL.

Cora Nell has one daughter, Sherry Young of Elba, AL; two sons, Houston Dodson of Elba, AL and James Dodson of Nashville, TN. She has eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Her entire family was present to help celebrate her special day.



Please join us in celebrating our parents Edith and Fred Calhoun's 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, July 16, 1995 at half past two until four in the afternoon 934 Sunset Boulevard Elba, Alabama

In lieu of a gift your photos or written memories would be most appreciated.

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Living Word Pentecostal Church to hold services

Pastors Ron and Mary Stinson of Living Word Pentecostal Church invite everyone to attend church services with them. Service times are Saturday at 6:00 p.m., Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday youth services at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. David Kilcrease. The church is located on Davis Street in Elba.

Cemetery working to be held at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Bapt. Church

There will be a cemetery working at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, near Victoria, on Saturday, July 15, 1995, from 7:00 a.m. until.

Annual Sacred Harp Sing to be held at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church

The Annual Sacred Harp Sing of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church will be held Saturday, July 15, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. The church is located on Hwy. 87 South, Elba-Samson road. There will be singing, lunch, and fellowship.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church VBS to be held July 17 - 21

Vacation Bible School will be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church July 17-21 from 6:30 to 8:30 each night. The church is located in the Pine Level Community. Everyone is invited to attend.

Westside VBS to be held July 30th thru August 3rd

Westside Baptist Church will be conducting Vacation Bible School July 30-August 3, from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. There will be arts and crafts and refreshments. For transportation call 897-2520, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Worship at the church of your choice this Sunday!!

Note Of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to us during the death of our father LLOYD B. ALLEN. We would also like to express our gratitude for the food, flowers, cards and phone calls. We appreciate it greatly.

VIRGINIA ALLEN & FAMILY

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN. THE ELBA MINISTRIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS EACH WEEK AT 11:45.

HOUSE OF TRUTH - WELB 1384 M. 1384-2495 P.M. - Sun. Rev. Jona Rodgers

Non Devotion Bible Monday thru Friday 12:45-12:55 p.m. - WELB

ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH Rev John W. McCrummen

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Church Training 5:15 p.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Johnny Padellaro

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Church Training 5:15 p.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST - J.J. Hester

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Church Training 5:30 p.m. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Pervis Golden

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ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - J. J. Hester

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CHURCH NEWS

Round & About With Eria

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Selected scripture: Ephesians 2:1-8

Thinking of you, praying for you. Mrs. Ernestine Kelley, Mrs. Hannah Coleman, Rev. N. L. Robinson, the Caldwell family, Mr. Ethel Ridaux, Mrs. Pearl Tillis, Mrs. Adell Underwood, Mrs. Ella M. Brooks, Mrs. Jessie Bell, Mr. Charles S. Hooks, Mrs. James Stoudin.

July Birthdays

Michael Williams: July 6; Lydia Kelley: July 10; Junior Kelley, Tina Williams, Curtis Kelley, and Julius Peterson: July 13; Genevieve Paige: July 14; Brandy Kelley and Tevin Kelley: July 17; Ella M. Brooks and Myron Duncan: July 28.

Youth Program

The New Philadelphia Church of God in Christ, Elba, AL, will present their Youth Program, Friday, July 14, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. The pastor is Supt. L.E. Flowers. Praise service will be conducted by Olajuwon Jackson and Laketa Patterson. Welcome and occasion will be given by Latoya Feagin. Presentations: Harris Temple, Mt. Calvary St. Beulah, Opp Church of God in Christ, Friend-

Hebron Baptist Church plans homecoming and revival services

Hebron Baptist Church and Bro. Frank Lowery, pastor, invites you to join them for homecoming and revival, July 16, 1995. The morning service will begin at 10:30 a.m., with the evening service beginning at 6:30. Revival services for Monday through Friday will begin at 7:30 p.m. and continue through Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Revivalist Ken Chancelor will bring the message.

Worship at the church of your choice this Sunday!!

ship, Greenwood, New Glorious, and Memorial Temple. Ministry of Giving: Greater Holy Temple, Elba Zion, New Zion, and Curtis, Roderick, Ridaux, Lavon Jones, Meko Daniels, D.J. Belcher, Kimberly Ridaux, and Alan Belcher. Dramatization: "Gang Ranging." Speaker: Winzell Gray.

Plans Family Reunion

Martin and Rosezetta Jack of Enterprise, AL, hosted a dinner for family members from Georgia, Florida, and Alabama on July 8, 1995 to make future plans for the Shorter, Grayer, Knight, and Bowden family reunion. Southern, "down home cooking" was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Jessie Bell of Montgomery, AL (formerly of Elba, AL) attended worship service at Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, AL, last Sunday.

The annual session of the Mulberry Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will be held at the Mulberry Baptist Educational Building, Hwy. 166, Elba, AL, Friday, July 14, 1995 and Saturday, July 15, 1995. Dr. John L. Grayer, president; Sis. Eria Belcher, secretary; and Dr. J.G. Chatman, moderator.

4th of July Dinner Ernestine Kelley, Elba, AL, hosted a dinner at her home in honor of her parents, Grover and Eria Belcher of Elba, AL, on July 4, 1995.

Guests including the honorees were: Wiley Brooks, Juanita, Dec'ard and Ree'Nita of Enterprise, AL; Evelyn Gulley, Mason and Jason, Maria Kelley, Tiffany, Tyrone Kelley, Gina Robinson of Opp, AL, Lydia Kelley, Brandon,

and Brandy, Tonya Smith, Sharon Wright and Tia, Tony Kelley, Marcus Kelley, Wesley, Melissa, and Curtis, Roderick, Ridaux, Lavon Jones, Meko Daniels, D.J. Belcher, Kimberly Ridaux, and Alan Belcher. Ernestine said, "This dinner was for no special occasion. It was given because they are loved and appreciated by all of their nine children and this happens often."

Today is a good day. Be grateful. Eria

HRDC sponsors Back To School Program

The 1995 Back to School Program is being sponsored for the fifth year by Human Resource Development Corporation. Donations of school supplies and money are now being accepted. Donations may be made at our office at 101 George Wallace Drive in Enterprise or you may mail your donation to: HRDC "Back to School", P.O. Box 1417, Enterprise, AL 36331. If you have questions or would like a pick up of a donation call 347-0881. These much needed school supplies will be distributed to children in need on August 11, 1995 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the HRDC office in front of the Enterprise Nursing Home.

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Week of July 16th IF THEY SHALL FALL AWAY Jesus warned people of the cost of discipleship, lest after making the start, some should stop following Him. It is possible for a child of God to sin? To "fall from grace"? Will God hold the child of God accountable for his sins? Is it true once a person has become a Christian, he can never go back into sin and be lost eternally? Can a fallen Christian be restored to God's grace? What must he do?

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Church Directory

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THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHURCH OF GOD

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Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melissa took advantage of the July 4th holiday to sleep in and catch up on some much needed rest. She had been playing softball four or five nights a week since April, and for the past five weekends had been on the road playing in tournaments all across Alabama and Florida. I guess even twelve-year-olds need a break every now and then!

BABE RUTH ALL-STARS FIND TOUGH GOING

The Elba Babe Ruth League All-Stars found the road a little too rough in All-Star competition as nine teams failed to win a game and posted an 0-6 tournament record. The 13-year-olds played well in dropping 2-0 and 13-12 decisions, and the 14-year-olds played well enough to win in dropping two straight games to Brundidge. The 15-year-olds only had 10 players due to various reasons, and they too played well at times, but failed to win a game. Maybe the bad taste from the six losses will make the players work harder next year and pay back will be even sweeter!

DIXIE MINOR STARS ARE "CARDIAC KIDS"

The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars are hosting the Sub-District 1 tournament and after three games the All-Stars are very much alive with a 2-1 record; however, some of the fans may need a jump-start after all three games were decided in the final inning. The Elba Stars scored 4 runs in their opening game to edge past the Troy Nationals 8-7, then saw Luveme score 4 runs in its final at-bat to defeat Elba 8-7, and in the third game the Elba Stars were at it again as they scored 3 runs to pull out a wild 10-9 win. The players were all smiles after the wins, but the parents seem to look a little older than when the tourney started.

DIXIE YOUTH STARS UPSET IN OPENER

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS ARE HONORED

The members of the All-Star Sports and Graphics 12 and Under state championship girls' softball team were honored prior to the final game of the night last week at the Dixie Minor tournament, in Elba. The team members were dressed out in their state championship t-shirts and had their gold medals hanging around their necks, and made everyone from Elba mighty proud as they received a loud ovation. Hey girls, you'll be the 1995 state champs for the rest of your lives. Great job!



CATCH OF THE DAY Matthew and Jason, sons of Robbie and Debbie Curran, are shown with a string of fish they caught "from grandpa's pond." The two were fishing recently with their dad and the family dog. In spite of the dog's delight in jumping in the water wherever they were fishing, the young men caught their limit of bream and catfish.

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Sports

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Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars stay alive

The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars are hosting the Sub-District 1 Dixie Minor Baseball Tournament and at press time were still alive in the double-elimination event with two wins and one loss.

Following are highlights of the Elba All-Stars first three games in the tourney:

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Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars fall 12-4 in tourney opener

The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars began Sub-District 2 play Saturday night in Samson and came out on the short end of a 12-4 score against Hartford to fall into the loser's bracket, in the double-elimination event.

Hartford jumped out to a 3-0 first inning lead, but saw Elba rally in the second and cut the lead to 3-2 on solo home-runs by Adam Suley and Jassen Caradine.

Hartford continued to put runs on the scoreboard in the third and

fourth innings as it opened up a 11-2 lead, and even a two-run homer by Caradine wasn't nearly enough as Hartford posted the 12-4 win.

Elba, while Jassen Caradine ripped two home-runs and knocked in 3 runs. Adam Suley added a solo home run and Brandon Salter got a double.

Elba's second game was scheduled for Monday night against the Enterprise Americans.

Babe Ruth tournaments are underway across state

It's "State Tournament" time for Alabama Babe Ruth Baseball and tournaments will swing into action this weekend at sites across the state.

The "13-Year-Old" South State Tournament is being held in Fairhope, with eight teams from across South Alabama, and will be played from July 6-10. Teams qualified for

the double-elimination event include Monroeville, Opp, Tallapoosa, Chocoma County, Mobile National, Summa, Bay Minette and Fairhope.

The "14-Year-Old" South State Tournament is on tap for Opp, with six teams in the field, and will be held from July 6-10. Teams qualified for the double-elimination event include South Monroe, Brundidge, Smith Station, Semmes, Fairhope and Opp.

The "15-Year-Old" South State Tournament is set for Theodore, with 13 teams in the field, and will be held from July 6-10. Teams earning a spot for the double-elimination tourney include South Monroe, Brundidge, Tallapoosa, Chocoma County, Mobile National, Summa, Bay Minette and Theodore.

The "16-Year-Old and 16-18 Year-Old" South State Tournaments are both set to be held in Grand Bay, with three teams entered in the "16" division and five teams in the "16-18" division. This event will also be held from July 6-10. Teams in the "16-Year-Old" tourney will be Baldwin County, Smiths Station and Grand Bay, while teams in the "16-18 Year-Old" tourney will include Baldwin County, Andalusia, Smiths Station, Semmes and Grand Bay.

North State Tournaments will be held in Sylacauga (Northeast 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100).

The "State Championship Series," pitting the winners from the North and Northeast, will be held on July 14-16. Series sites will be Satsuma (13-Year-Old), Andalusia (14-Year-Old), Mobile International (15-Year-Old), Madison (16-Year-Old) and Baldwin County (16-18 Year-Old).

The winners of the State Championship Series will then advance to Regional competition, with the regional winners moving on to the National Tournaments.

The Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor Baseball Tournaments will both be held this week, beginning on Saturday night, July 15, in Greenville.

Six teams will compete in the

Troy combined four walks with two hits to grab a 5-0 lead in the top of the fourth, but Elba came right back and cut the lead to 5-2 in the bottom of the second, with the key hit being a single by Colby Capps.

Troy upped its lead to 6-2 in the top of the fourth, but Elba stayed within striking distance as Kyle English, Marcus Henderson and Colby Capps ripped out consecutive hits that put the Troy left-fielder, and Curran raced around the bases and slid in safely at home to give Elba the 8-7 win.

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Deadline looms as gambling bills stay in spotlight



by Fern Cox

Publisher

The much debated issue over authorizing a state lottery and casino gambling in Alabama continues.

The apparently complicated bill to allow a limited number (8) of casinos to open is dead for 1995. The proposal was withdrawn by the sponsors when they realized the opposition, both from the governor and the public, was overwhelming.

The constitutional amendment to Section 65 of the Alabama Constitution to legalize the lottery and remove a constitutional roadblock to possible future casino openings must get a vote by the Alabama Senate this week or it also is dead for this session.

Just before the July 4th holiday break, the state senators failed by two votes to even get the matter on the Senate floor for debate.

The amendment, if passed by both houses and approved by the governor, would be voted on by the people of Alabama in a statewide vote. Only if approved by a simple majority of those voting would this

Dear Editor,

The Governor attained thousands of votes because: he promised not to raise our taxes, he seemed like he was an honest person and we thought he would listen to the people. Watch out Taxes are gonna go up soon, wait and see. Because he opposes gambling, he will subvert the people's right and desire to vote on the issue. He still keeps letting our money benefit other states by not allowing us to compete. The Governor is not listening, he will have to raise taxes, and because of these two things, he must not be a very honest person either.

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A one-out single by Brandon Petty sparked the Elba uprising, while an RBI double by Marcus Henderson was a key hit in the third-inning rally.

Elba wasn't down for long, as the Americans came up hitting in the third inning and collected four hits to place five runs and moved ahead 6-3.

Elba was again up to the challenge and this time pushed across two runs to pull within 6-5 after the third inning.

The third inning runs came without a hit, as three Elba batters drew walks to load the bases with no outs, and two runners crossed the plate on a fielder's choice and a Greenville error.

Elba regained the lead at 7-6 in the bottom of the fourth behind the hitting of Kyle English and Jason Curran, but Greenville refused to quit and scored three runs in the top of the sixth to regain the lead at 9-7.

Elba was down, but far from being out, and put two runners on base with no outs in the bottom of the sixth as Brandon Petty reached on an error and Ralston Moore drew a walk. Kyle English ripped a one-out single to drive in both Petty and Moore and tied the game at 9-9.

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Kyle English got 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba in the win, while Brandon Petty added 1 hit and also scored 3 runs.

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or any, amendment become part of the antiquated Alabama constitution. One of the arguments used to promote approval of each of the gambling legislation bills was the reported plans for Indian run casinos, located on Indian reservations in Alabama. Court action is pending in federal courts to clear the way to build and operate these facilities.

Proponents say a state lottery would provide an estimated \$200 to \$300 million in new state revenue. They had estimated that the first seven of the eight casinos authorized in the original bills would generate as much as \$150 million in taxes each year.

Supporters for both casino gambling and a lottery advocate that the public is clamoring to vote on these issues. However others have quietly explained that what people are saying is this issue is important to leave to elected officials - they want to retain say-so themselves. In other words the 92% who want a vote by the people may be 92% who don't trust the elected officials to do what is right - either way.

newspapers have been flooded with letters supporting casinos, a state lottery and those sponsoring both. It appeared to be the organized public relations plan, as many of the letters were addressed on the same word processor. After newspapers began to recognize this type of tactic on the envelopes began to vary somewhat.

The Elba Clipper is printing a number of the letters, two and on, to allow readers the opportunity to make up their own mind.

Other letters will be welcomed, however action must be taken by the Senate this week or it is too late. Therefore any letter received this office would be a week late in convincing anyone to change their mind.

around years ago by opening numerous Junior Colleges and Trade Schools. Now that we have a trained and ready to work population, we are for very little to assist in this industry to this state, creating even more poverty.

Let's stop this craziness and bustle all the industry we can in this state. Yes, even casino gambling. That way, me and my fellow Christians can stop driving to Mississippi and we can all make a moral choice, to gamble or not to gamble.

Yours truly,
Nina Quinn
Opelika, AL

Dear Editor,

The June 8th edition of the *Montgomery Advertiser* contained an editorial written by Bob Brantford, which states Mr. McGreggor thinks he's the god of gambling. It further states, why should Mr. McGreggor be the only one to get a casino, it only amazes me, not only how ignorant some people can be, but how news papers and other media advocate this ignorance through misinformation.

Mr. McGreggor is not the "god of gambling." He is a normal, everyday businessman. In 1984, he took a risk, a chance, and a gamble in a very remote area of Macon County, Alabama. This facility, Wetland, is a ten year old, five hundred employee base entertainment establishment. It has been the number one visitor attraction in the state of Alabama since 1985, and the top grossing greyhound park in the nation for five consecutive years. This investment has not only paid off for Mr. McGreggor, but also for the education system of Macon County, and it added tax revenue to the state coffers.

"To the glory of mankind, there was, for the first and only time in history, a country of money-and I have no higher, more reverent tribute to pay to America, for this means a country of reason, justice, freedom, production, achievement. For the first time, man's mind went free and there were no fortunes-by-conquest, but only fortunes-by-work, and instead of swordsmen and slave traders appeared the real makers of wealth, the greatest worker, the highest type of human being-the self-made man-the American industrialist."

If Mr. McGreggor's business acumen is to be questioned, then a person only has to look North and see salvaged Birmingham Race Course. It is currently in it's fourth year of hosting live thoroughbred racing in this state. The Birmingham Turf Club, and a two billion dollar company named Delaware North were both unable to accomplish this feat. Mr. McGreggor did, simply because of his experience, knowledge, and primarily his hard work.

All too often, we open our arms to new business in our state, and then because of the "Bible" and the "Feds", we turn our back and let them know how remorseful we are of their presence. Do you think Mercedes Benz will consider building another plant in our state? Bob, we need some movers and some shakers, not sleepers. Mr. McGreggor is

getting poorer.

George Wallace turned this state

into a state of poverty. We must ask ourselves: is the revenue promised by the casino industry worth the loss of a single child to abuse, crime, homelessness, neglect, or any of the other horrors experienced in other gambling towns? As we deliberate, I believe we will find that money is suddenly insignificant when human lives and potential are at stake. After all, who wants to look into a little child's fearful eyes as we're sorry about the abuse and all, but the state really needed the money?

The people of Alabama have a clear choice: invite casinos into our state while trying to prepare for their accompanying blows, or decide that the lives at stake are too important to sacrifice to the gambling interests.

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Dear Editor,

Please share my poem with your readers. I think it sums up what everyone's position should be.

Go to the pool route.
All the way to the rear.
There you will see,
That gambling is here.
Go to the Church,
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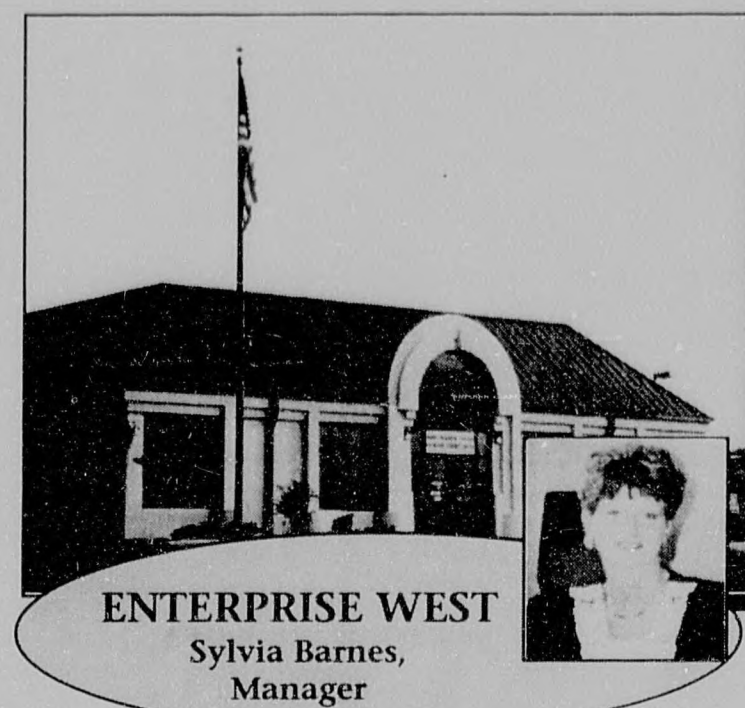
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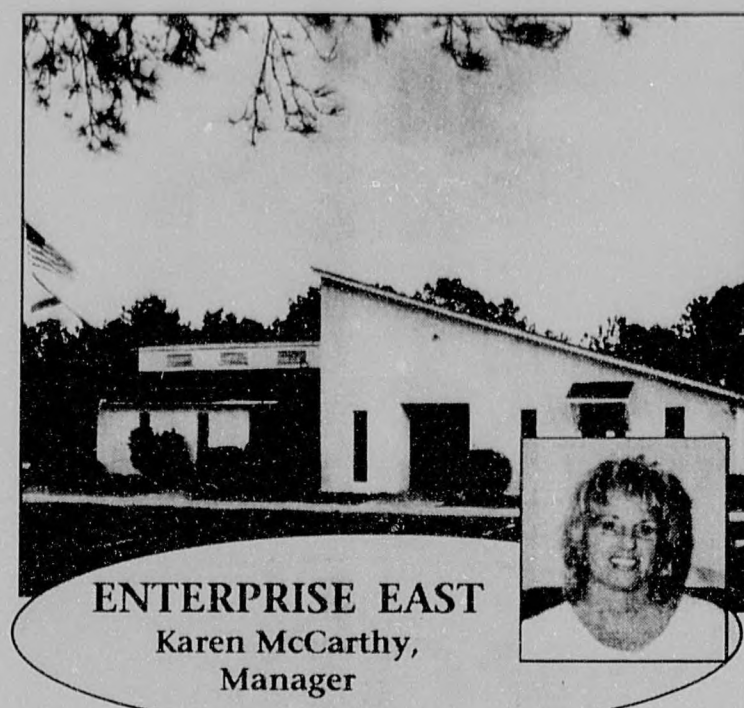
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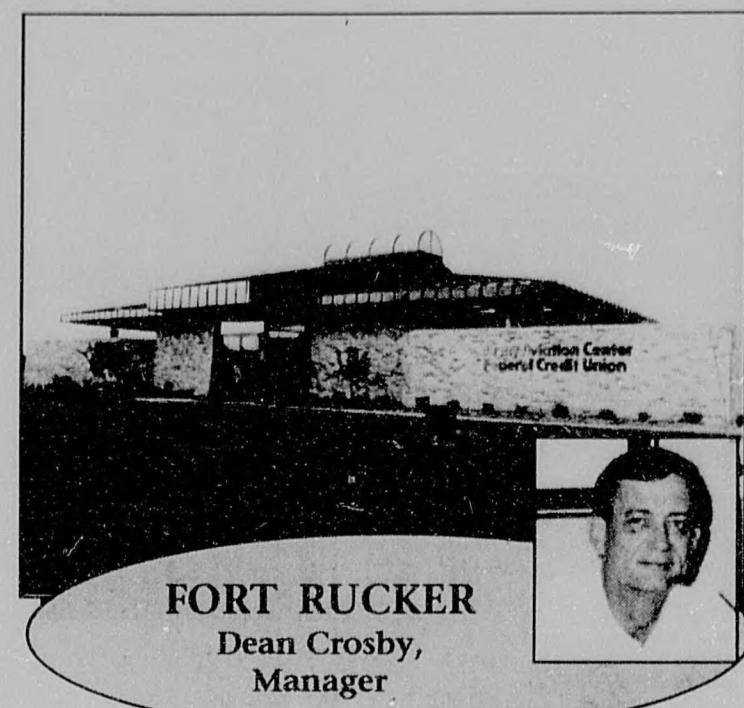
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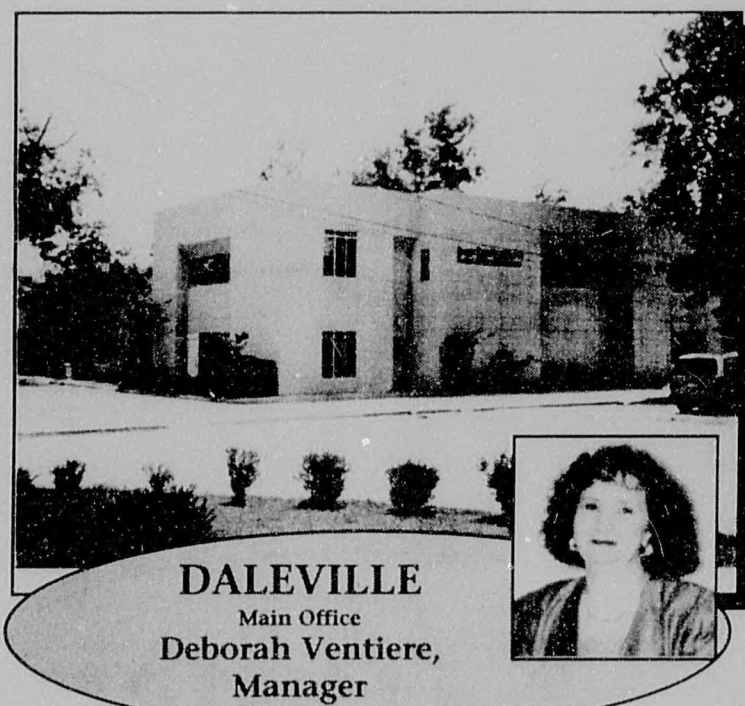
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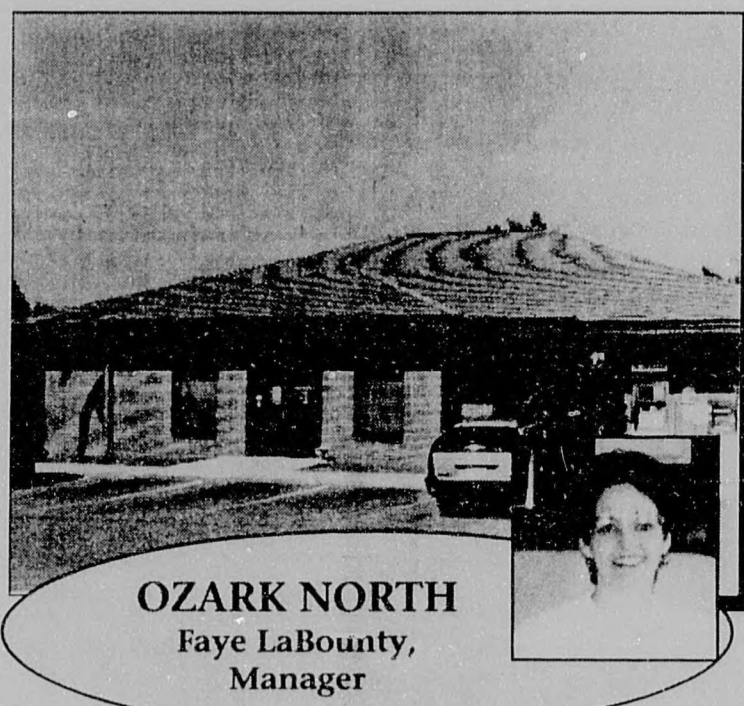
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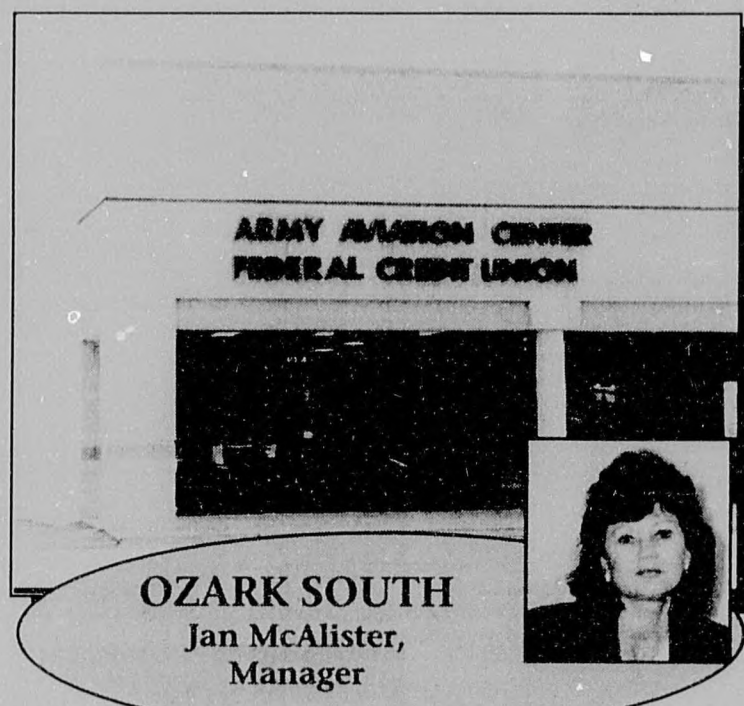
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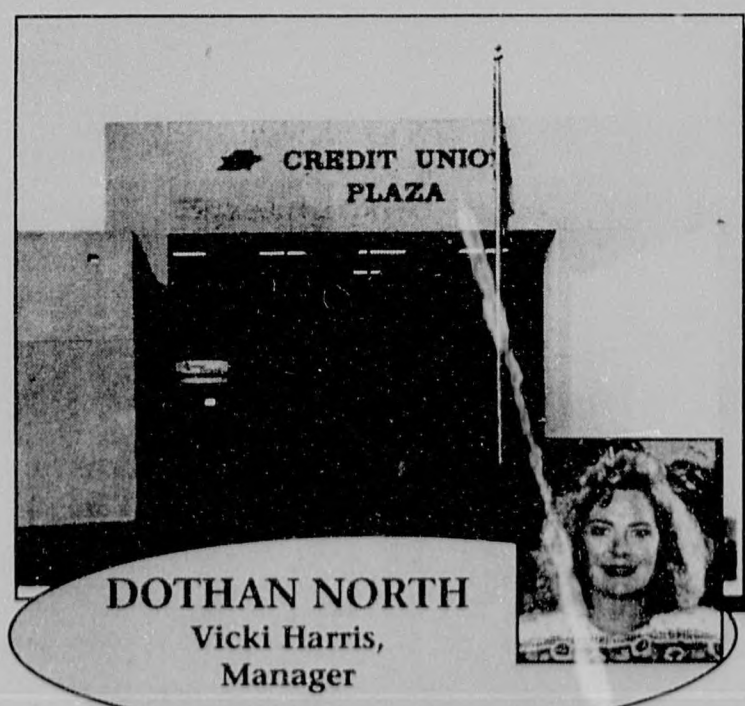
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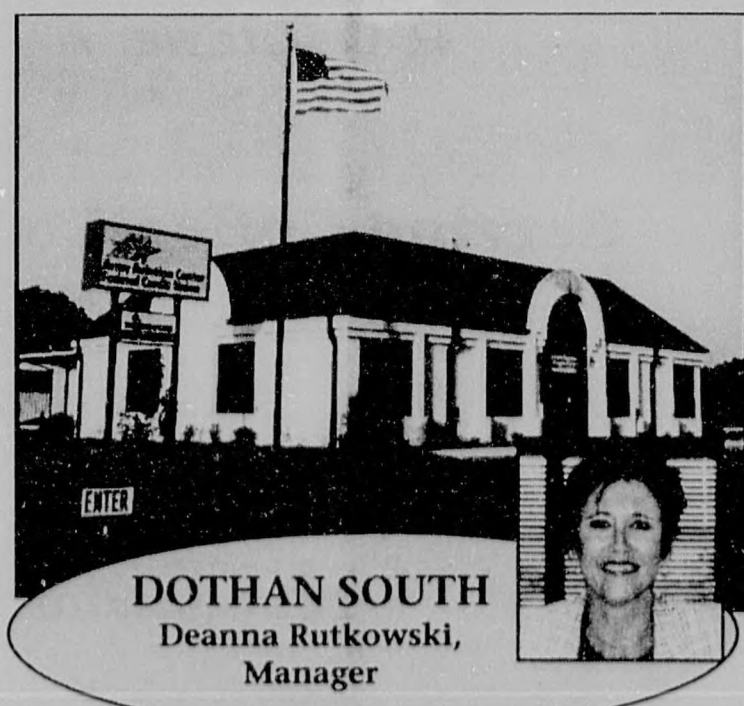
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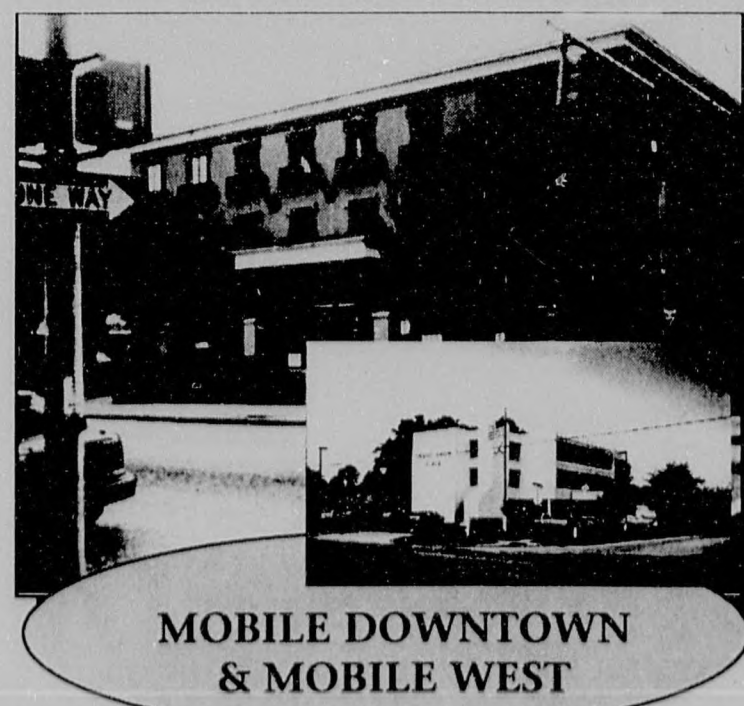
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COUNCIL APPROVES RESURFACING OF TAYLOR MILL ROAD

Committee reports Elba's finances good

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The delayed meeting of the Elba City Council was held Thursday evening. All council members were present except council member John W. Sharpless.

Police chief Max Hooks reported the department responded to 38 complaints and issued 25 traffic citations during the past two weeks. The citations included one for violation of the Boom Box ordinance and one for parking in a handicapped zone.

There were 19 criminal arrests during this period and two traffic accidents.

The animal control officer picked up 16 dogs. Two were returned to their owners, six adopted and one stolen.

Hooks requested authorization to purchase two video cameras for the police cars. They will cost \$2999 each. Mayor Ricky Haywood recommended approval and councilman Bill Brunson noted the department was under budget and could afford the expenditure. The council approved the purchase unanimously.

Chief Hooks requested the council go into executive session. Following this the council voted to table

the matter discussed in executive session, awaiting an opinion of the city attorney.

Monthly bills totaling \$19,432.24 were approved for payment. Haywood reported that of this total asphalt mix cost \$1,057.24, pool chemicals were \$2,873.38, dog pound repairs \$2,591.62, street dept chemicals \$315.00, recreation concessions \$2,071.07, radio repairs \$1,964.57, equipment repairs and parts \$2,906.07, and insurance on the new dump truck \$1,080.00, for almost \$15,000 of the total bills.

Brunson reported on behalf of the finance committee that after nine months of operation the finances looked good. He said that administration, police, street were all under budget. He reminded his fellow council members that the city still has \$200,000 in short term notes and they should make some principal payments this fiscal year. Even with that expense, Brunson predicts the city should make the bond payment in December on time.

The council approved an amendment to the dog pound ordinance, increasing the first time offense to \$25.00 plus \$5.00 per day feeding charge. Additional pick-up of dogs will result in increased charges.

The council also approved an in-

crease to \$5.00 for issuing business licenses. Previously this charge had been \$06. The increase had already been authorized by the Alabama legislature.

Legal notices on both these ordinance amendments are published in this issue of *The Elba Clipper*. They are effective today, Thursday.

City Clerk Henry Clark reported on a proposal to get some paving done on Taylor Mill Road. He explained that the county commission would apply for a grant to pave two miles within the city limits (from city limits to 203 Bypass) while paying their portion of the road.

The cost to the city will be \$37,000 for two miles of much needed road repairs and resurfacing. The council approved the agreement after Haywood assured them there was enough money in the gasoline tax fund to fund the work. The project is dependent upon the county getting approval for the \$326,000 grant.

Clark reported receiving a number of complaints about much needed street cleaning.

He said he had contacted the state highway department and they would be in Elba with their sweeper, on state roads, within the week. With the help of work release, Clark expects to do extensive work cleaning other Elba streets. He also plans repairs to the city-owned street sweeper and putting it back on the streets.

Council approved a request to hire two part-time workers to help with this project.

Clark also told council members he was trying to hire a mechanic because of the resignation of the last one.

Elba City School Board members approve three major policy changes

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City School Board met Thursday evening in the board room. All members were present.

The approval of monthly bills led off the meeting, chaired by Chairman Daniel Stephens.

The board approved three major policy changes, mandated by state regulations: A "No Fight," "Zero Tolerance," and a policy allowing schools to use surveillance cameras and metal detectors were adopted.

Superintendent Charles Pearce announced he planned to publish full details of these new regulations before school starts in August.

The resignation of Mr. Gary Glass from Elba High School was accepted.

No action was taken to fill vacancies at the high school. This will be done at a special called meeting, scheduled for July 27th.

Pearce also updated board members on ongoing capital projects including the bus barn, baseball/softball complex and the bridge/connector road.

Elba's net electric revenue up significantly

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board members heard a report Thursday night that net electric revenue was up significantly, due to the hot weather and cost cutting efforts by all employees.

However, in spite of an increase in water rates, the water department continues to operate at a loss. Board members were told the increase has generated an additional \$10,000, thereby cutting losses by that amount.

The utility continues to cut payroll and related expenses, however insurance and maintenance cost continue to climb, compared to the previous year.

The percentage of water not billed (leakage, fire plugs, etc.) dropped this year from over 22% to slightly over 16%.

The percentage of electric current not billed (lost to line shortages and other leakages) was only 4.82% last month, however for the year to date it is 5.79% - a half percent above last year's average.

Water supervisor Dennis Coleman reported that the county water system is "on line" i.e. residents are being connected to the system. He said water volume and pressure was higher than expected which will allow for expansion of the customer base in the future.

Coleman reminded board members that projected cost of the installation of the in-town part of the new line (done by city employees) was \$192,930.48 after the utility rejected a private contractor bid of \$250,000.

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New Brockton council votes to borrow \$10,000.00 in special called meeting

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held a special called meeting on Wednesday, July 12th.

Mayor Kathryn Holley verbally notified members of the town council that it was necessary that a meeting be held to discuss the financial status.

According to the minutes of the meeting, all council members were present when the session convened at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Holley advised the council that the town's revenue was down and had been slowly decreasing during the past four months.

She said June was the first month that the town's sales and use tax was collected by an independent agent.

The mayor said after a one-month billing cycle, the town clerk should have a better understanding on what dates the revenue would be automatically deposited into the general fund.

The mayor told council members that a reimbursement in the amount of \$8,893.82 is expected from the Alabama Intertribal Council Job Training Partnership Act, but at the present time, the money has not been received.



THREE KILLED IN 2-CAR CRASH... At approximately 2:05 p.m. (the time at which all watches worn by the victims stopped) last Friday afternoon, a pickup truck apparently ran a stop sign striking a passenger car. One person was pronounced dead at the scene, two others later died of injuries sustained in the wreck, a man and a woman remain in the hospital. A one-year-old child was not hurt in the crash except for bruises from straps on a child restraint seat in which she was riding. The wreck occurred at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 and Co. Rd. 547 (Damasus Community). The 1986 Ford truck driven by David Welsh, 20, of Route 1, Jack, AL was traveling south on Co. Rd. 547 when it ran through the intersection colliding with a 1990 BMW eastbound on AL Hwy. 134. William Ray Mackley, 18, of Route 1, New Brockton, a passenger in the pick-up was dead at the scene. Welsh was seriously injured. The driver of the BMW, Richard L. Bryan, 24, of Enterprise, died in a local hospital from his injuries. Also a passenger in the car, Rev. Charles L. Sharp, 52, of Enterprise, died as a result of injuries received in the crash. Two other passengers in the car, a mother and daughter, Catherine Bryan, 23, and Destiny Bryan, 1, both of Enterprise, were taken to a local hospital. Mrs. Bryan was later transferred to a Dothan hospital where she underwent emergency surgery. She remains in guarded condition. Her daughter was not injured in the crash thanks to a child restraint seat. Rescue and fire units from Enterprise, New Brockton, and Goodman responded to the wreck. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Trooper Ronnie Whitworth. Other law enforcement agencies assisting state troopers were the District Attorney's office, Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Coroner Tim Whitehead, and Enterprise and New Brockton police officers. No charges have been filed in connection with the accident at this time and the investigation is on-going. Pictured above is the BMW. The pickup truck (not visible in the picture) struck a house to the left of the car. Both vehicles traveled 70 to 75 feet after initial impact.

CHILDREN IN NEED OF SUPERVISION PROGRAM WORKING

Coffee County Chins-Up Camp looking for funds

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Once again, it's time for the Chins-Up Camp and additional funds are needed.

This year, 40 youngsters are scheduled to participate in the camp which will begin on July 31st and run through August 3rd.

The youngsters, along with their counselors (1 for every 3 campers), will meet at the Coffee County Vineyard from 8 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. each day of the camp.

Counselors are recruited from churches, schools, law enforcement agencies, and recreational centers. Special efforts are extended to insure these counselors are excellent role models for youth.

The Coffee County Chins-Up Program began in 1991. Since that time, more than 275 CHINS (Children in Need of Supervision) youth have been reached.

During the four-day camp, the youngsters, who are between the ages of 12 and 15, will attend seminars and take part in different activities all designed to build self-esteem.

Cynthia House, a consultant from Knoxville, TN, serves as the camp's director. She will be conducting workshops teaching the participants that they have choices in how they live their lives.

The youth also learn about self-concept, how they see and feel about themselves will make a difference.

Enterprise DARE Officer Cindy Dunaway, who will be serving her fourth year as a counselor, has seen a very positive affect on youngsters who have participated in past camps.

The Coffee County Extension Service heads up the long list of sponsoring agencies who join forces to make the camp happen. They are quick to point out that without the help of ALL the sponsors there would be no Chins-Up Camp.

Assisting the Extension Service are: the Department of Human Resources, area law enforcement agencies, youth services, the city and county school systems, housing authorities, juvenile probation officers, courts, churches, and many, many individuals.

It is estimated that approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000 is needed to implement this year's camp. Monies are used to provide facilities, food (three meals per day), program directors, transportation for campers, counselors, awards, speakers, etc. Many of the above needs are met by volunteers.

The sponsors' goal has always been to provide the camp at no cost to the campers. So far, they have been able to secure enough community donations to implement the Chins-Up Camp for the past four years.

Each year the camp cost is less because of greater public awareness of the program and the community's response.

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Elba man charged with first degree rape of an 8-year-old Opp girl

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Elba police have arrested an Elba man in connection with the rape of an 8-year-old girl.

According to Elba Investigator Johnny Senn, Christopher Michael Nelson, 18, of 808 Washington Avenue, Elba was arrested on Tuesday, July 11, and charged with rape in the first degree.

The investigation began Monday night, July 10, when the Opp Police Department notified Elba that a possible rape victim was being treated at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp.

Police learned that the victim was a resident of Opp; however, the alleged rape had occurred in Elba.

According to Senn, after questioning Nelson, charges were filed and he was taken to the Coffee County Jail.

Nelson was later released on a \$10,000 appearance bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for sometime in August. An exact date is not known at this time.

The investigation is continuing in the case. Assisting Elba police are the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office and Opp police.

NOTICE
THE CITY OF ELBA WATER AND ELECTRIC BOARD ANNOUNCED FRIDAY THAT THE WATER PUMP ON THE BRANTLEY HIGHWAY WELL HAS BEEN REPAIRED AND IS FULLY OPERATIONAL. THE BOARD ACKNOWLEDGED THE PUBLIC COOPERATION IN CONSERVING THE USAGE OF WATER DURING THE WELL'S DOWN TIME.